

ESTIMATED POTATO STOCKS

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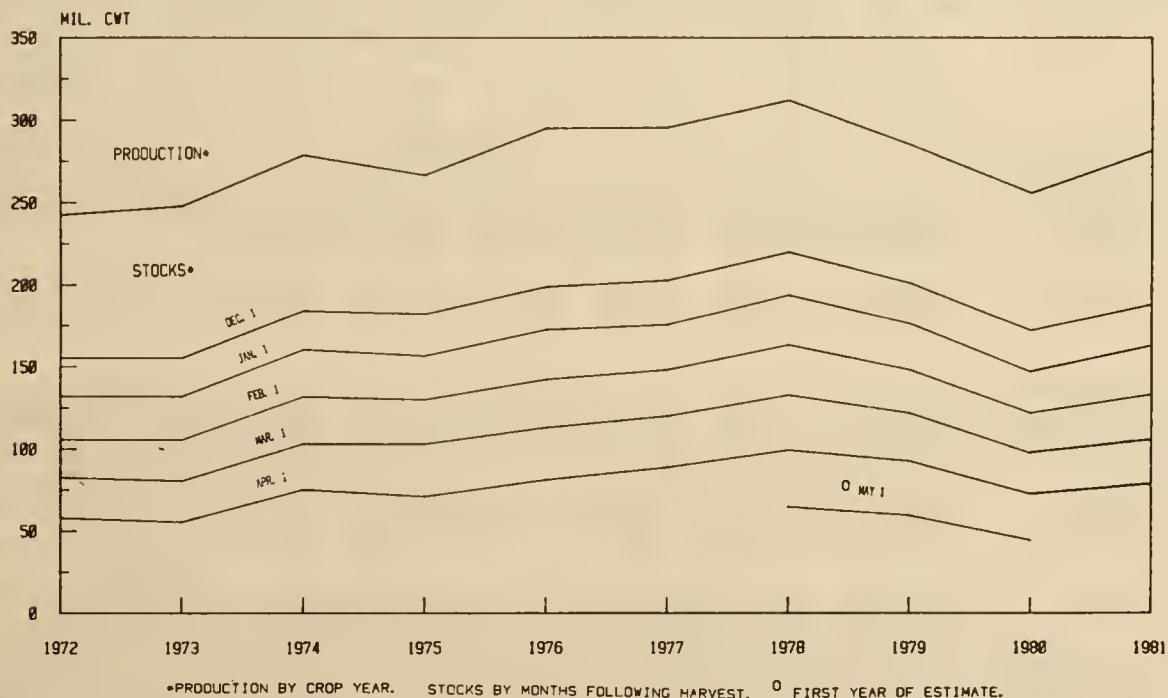
POTATO STOCKS UP 7 PERCENT FROM YEAR EARLIER

Potato stocks as of April 1, 1982 in 15 major fall States are estimated at 77.5 million cwt (3.51 million metric tons). This is 7 percent above April 1 a year ago, but 16 percent less than on April 1, 1980.

Estimated holdings in the three Eastern States total 10.4 million cwt, 8 percent greater than a year earlier but 26 percent below April 1, 1980. Stocks in Maine, at 8.60 million cwt, are up 5 percent from a year ago. In the six Central States estimated stocks are 13.0 million cwt, 64 percent more than on April 1, 1981 but 5 percent below April 1, 1980. North Dakota's stocks are 92 percent greater than a year ago, while Minnesota and Wisconsin are up 70 and 36 percent, respectively. Holdings in the six Western States are estimated at 54.1 million cwt, 2 percent below April 1, 1981 and 16 percent less than two years ago. Idaho's stocks are estimated at 30.0 million cwt, down 9 percent from a year earlier. Holdings in Washington are up 15 percent while Oregon is unchanged, compared with April 1, 1981.

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FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND STOCKS



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NOTE: Stocks are defined as the quantity remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including shrinkage and waste and other losses that occur after the date of each report. Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes generally account for about 90 percent of the total fall production. Shrinkage and loss and home use account for the remaining 10 percent.

TABLE 1. FALL POTATOES: DECEMBER 1, JANUARY 1, FEBRUARY 1, MARCH 1, APRIL 1, AND MAY 1 TOTAL STOCKS, AND COMPARABLE PRODUCTION FOR 15 STATES ESTIMATING POTATO STOCKS 1/

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	DEC 1	JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1
1,000 CWT							
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1971 <u>2/</u>	258,613	172,550	148,600	122,350	97,150		
1972	242,390	155,190	132,050	105,690	82,510	57,860	
1973	247,686	154,890	131,600	105,360	80,460	55,465	
1974	278,679	183,850	160,100	131,480	102,963	75,217	
1975	266,422	181,720	156,220	129,710	102,850	70,970	
1976	294,978	198,630	172,230	142,030	112,830	81,130	
1977	295,421	202,550	175,300	147,930	119,850	88,680	
1978	311,981	219,850	193,520	162,980	132,570	99,250	64,830
1979	285,060	200,820	176,020	147,910	121,720	92,550	59,535
1980	255,691	171,730	146,610	121,565	97,280	72,460	44,446
1981	281,375	187,790	160,010	132,770	106,735	77,475	

1/ SEE TABLE 3 FOR LIST OF 15 STATES. 2/ BEGINNING WITH 1971, LATE SUMMER PRODUCTION FOR N Y - L I, WIS AND WASH HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS FALL.

TABLE 2. POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING 1/, SEVEN STATES, 1980 AND 1981 CROPS

STATE	STORAGE	TO : SEASON : DEC 1	TO : JAN 1	TO : FEB 1	TO : MAR 1	TO : APR 1	TO : MAY 1	ENTIRE SEASON
1,000 CWT								
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IDAHO AND MALHEUR CO., OREG	1980-81 :1981-82	14,460 16,720	18,710 21,240	23,230 26,000	28,110 31,205	33,570 36,840	39,210	52,720
MAINE <u>2/</u>	1980-81 :1981-82	2,190 2,145	2,880 2,715	3,510 3,450	4,245 4,135	4,980 5,195	5,885	6,660
WASH AND OTHER AREAS, OREG	1980-81 :1981-82	14,610 17,745	16,845 21,270	19,725 24,915	23,710 29,095	27,405 33,665	31,500	39,020
OTHER STATES <u>3/</u>	1980-81 :1981-82	2,355 2,860	2,890 3,670	3,745 4,635	4,565 5,835	5,205 7,090	6,105	7,550
TOTAL	1980-81 :1981-82	33,615 39,470	41,325 48,895	50,210 59,000	60,630 70,270	71,160 82,790	82,700	105,950

1/ TOTAL QUANTITY RECEIVED AND USED FOR PROCESSING REGARDLESS OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE POTATOES WERE PRODUCED. DOES NOT INCLUDE QUANTITIES USED FOR POTATO CHIPS IN MAINE, MICH OR MINN. 2/ INCLUDES MAINE GROWN POTATOES ONLY. 3/ MICH, MINN AND N DAK.

TABLE 3. POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON APRIL 1, 1981 AND APRIL 1, 1982

STATE	CROP OF 1980			CROP OF 1981		
	: APR 1 STOCKS:		: APR 1 STOCKS:		: APR 1 STOCKS:	
	PRODUC-	TOTAL STOCKS:	AS % OF	PRODUC-	TOTAL STOCKS:	AS % OF
	TION	: APR 1, 1981	: PRODUCTION	TION	: APR 1, 1982	: PRODUCTION
		1,000 CWT	PERCENT		1,000 CWT	PERCENT
CALIF	6,438	1,300	20	6,734	1,455	22
COLO	10,950	3,100	28	12,000	3,300	28
IDAHO	79,840	33,000	41	80,040	30,000	37
MAINE	24,960	8,200	33	26,520	8,600	32
MICH	7,403	800	11	7,050	1,200	17
MINN	9,920	2,300	23	13,300	3,900	29
MONT	1,725	720	42	1,739	900	52
NEBR	1,876	480	26	2,252	650	29
N Y -L I:	4,794	1/220		5,365	2/	
-UPST	6,250	290	5	6,875	2/750	
N DAK	15,680	2,400	15	20,125	4,600	23
OHIO	1,995	1/		1,845	20	1
OREG	19,745	5,800	29	21,710	5,800	27
PA	4,180	900	22	5,250	1,050	20
WASH	43,935	11,000	25	52,380	12,600	24
WIS	16,000	1,950	12	18,190	2,650	15
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TOTAL	255,691	72,460	28	281,375	77,475	28

1/ OHIO COMBINED WITH LONG ISLAND TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS. 2/ LONG ISLAND COMBINED WITH UPSTATE NEW YORK TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

During the past 9 years, the difference between the April 1 preliminary and final estimate averaged 2.9 million hundredweight. The largest deviation was 4.5 and the smallest was 0.2 million hundredweight. The preliminary April 1 estimate was below the final estimate 8 out of the past 9 years.

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Disappearance to April 1, 1982 in 15 major fall States totals 204 million cwt, 11 percent above the same period a year ago. This includes 23.5 million cwt of potatoes dumped during grading, fed to livestock on potato farms, discarded without grading and lost to shrinkage (moisture loss). Disappearance for the month of March totaled 29.3 million cwt compared with 24.8 million cwt for March 1981.

Potatoes processed to April 1, 1982 in seven major processing States total 82.8 million cwt, 16 percent more than the same period a year earlier. During March, 12.5 million cwt were processed compared with 10.5 million cwt for March 1981.

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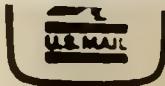
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